

Information About Dual Credit Addictions Counselling Courses From Northern Lakes College

Why take dual credit Addictions Counselling courses?

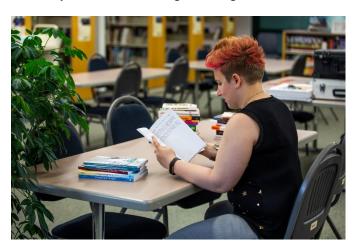
- 1. Earn up to 45 CTS credits toward their high school diploma.
- 2. Lower your workload in College. Completing courses before entering the program will reduce the workload while in the program.
- 3. Find out if the Addictions Counselling program interests you before enrolling in College.
- 4. Save money. Your high school may cover some costs. Check with your school to determine if they cover any expenses.
- 5. Qualify for a \$500 tuition bursary. Dual credit students who successfully complete qualify for tuition bursary if they continue their post-secondary education with Northern Lakes College.



The Addictions Counselling Program is available at any participating school.

When are the course(s) available?

- 1. Summer July 2 to August 23, 2024
- 2. Term 1 Sept. 3 to Dec. 11, 2024
- 3. Term 2 Jan. 6 to Apr. 18, 2025
- 4. Term 3 May 1 to June 25, 2025



What prerequisites are needed to get into the program?

- 1. Students must have or be co-enrolled in English 30-1 or 30-2 to start taking courses as a dual credit student.
- 2. Students who wish to enroll in the program after taking dual credit courses must meet all the program entrance requirements, which include:
 - a. English 30-1 (60%) or 30-2 (70%).
 - b. At least 18 years of age to do the practicum.
 - c. Police Information Check and an Intervention Record Check are required for practicum placements.

Note: Because of the nature of the program, students must not be abusing alcohol or drugs for at least one year before applying. In addition, students must not be abusing drugs for the duration of the program.

How difficult is the program?

- 1. The courses in this program are at the college level and, therefore, require a significant commitment on behalf of the student, the parent, the high school and the College. Consequently, you must be sure you are ready to dedicate yourself to the courses before applying.
- 2. Parents are encouraged to stay informed of their child's progress in the program via the high school.

Other things you need to know:

1. For the Addictions Counselling courses, students will follow the schedule laid out by the College, which may differ from the high school schedule. The schedule will be provided when you start the program.

- There are twenty-one courses in the Addictions Counselling diploma program. Students can take up to nine courses by dual credit.
- Completing the NLC Addictions
 Counselling diploma program allows
 students a block transfer into year 3 of the
 Bachelor of Health Sciences Degree at the
 University of Lethbridge.
- 4. Classes are offered online and can be worked on at any time. These are referred to as asynchronous classes. Other classes are delivered live online. These are referred to as synchronous classes. Most synchronous classes can be taken asynchronously meaning attendance to live classes is not mandatory, and recordings of the live classes are made available to students. (ADDP0120 is an exception to this attendance is compulsory).
- 5. Below is a listing of the nine courses available by dual credit toward the Addictions Counselling diploma program.

Course Name	Term Available
ADDP0110 - Introduction to Addictions Studies ^{1,3}	Term 1
ADDP0120 - Introduction to Counselling Skills ^{2,3}	Term 1
AFDN0150 - Introduction to Pharmacology	Term 1
LDER0180 - Leadership in Helping Professions ¹	Term 1
PSYC1060 - Psychology for the Health Care Professional ^{1,3}	Summer, Term 1, 2 or 3
ENGL1000 - Introduction to English Language and Literature ¹	Summer, Term 1, 2 or 3
HEED1010 - Health Education: Personal Health and Wellness 1,3	Summer, Term 1, 2 or 3
SOCI1000 - Introduction to the Study of Society ¹	Term 1, 2 or 3
INDG2100 - Introduction to Indigenous Issues ¹	Term 1 or 2

- 1 These courses transfer to different programs at the College.
- 2 Attendance in the Live Online Class is Mandatory
- 3 Recommended introductory courses
- 6. For more information about a career as an Addictions Counselling, check out the <u>alis.alberta.ca</u> website. In addition, you will find information on Addictions Counselling and other careers under the 'Occupations in Alberta' link.
- 7. For more information on the Addictions Counselling program at Northern Lakes College, check out the College website at <u>northernlakescollege.ca</u>.
- 8. Application deadline is six weeks before the start date of the course. However, students are encouraged to apply early as the classes can fill up before the application deadline.